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Honorable Larry LaRocco  
Member, House of Representatives  
304 No. 8th Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Congressman LaRocco:

This is in reply to your letter of February 16, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Tony Elliott, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

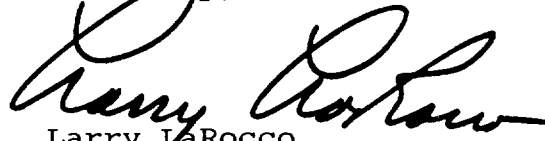
Enclosed is a letter I have received from my constituent,  
Tony Elliott, 3912 Tattenham Way, Boise, Idaho 83704.

As a person who is involved with model airplanes, Mr.  
Elliott is concerned and opposed to proposed rules (PR Docket 92-  
235) which he says will "reduce the usable range of frequencies  
currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of  
accidents and attendant liability for controlling model  
airplanes".

I will appreciate your review of Mr. Elliott's letter and  
response to my Boise office: 304 N. 8th Street, Room 136, Boise,  
Idaho 83702.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Larry LaRocco  
Member of Congress

Enclosure  
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3rd February 1993

The Honorable Larry LaRocco  
United States House of Representatives  
8th & Bannock,  
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. LaRocco,

I am an active competitor in local, and national radio controlled model events. I have been active in this sport for more than eight years. I currently own three pieces of radio equipment totaling in excess of \$1800. In addition I have constructed many 1/4 scale and competition type radio controlled gliders totaling in excess of \$9000.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable range of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model aircraft, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

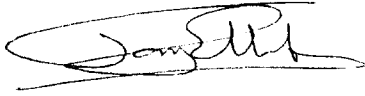
When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be decreased.

Please understand that many of the model aircraft I construct have wingspans in excess of 20 feet and can weigh as much as 20 pounds. The models are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Elliott', with a horizontal line underneath.

Tony Elliott  
3912 Tattenham Way,  
Boise, Idaho. 83704.